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The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue:

As you review applications to fill vacancies on the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors, I would like to express my strong support for Michael Clemens to serve as a board member for the farm industry appointment.

For over 40 years, Mike has operated his family farm in Wimbledon, North Dakota. He has a deep understanding of the regional and national agricultural industry, and his experience is widely recognized by his peers, who have chosen him to serve as president or on the board of directors for numerous state and national commodity groups. Additionally, he has served multiple leadership roles within his local community. These leadership experiences have given him the opportunity to become a strong advocate for farmers in North Dakota and from across the country.

I can personally attest to his deep understanding of issues related to Farm Bill implementation – specifically as it relates to crop insurance – and the Renewable Fuel Standard program, as I have personally met with him multiple times on these issues. He is passionate about agriculture and has a deep understanding of the various risk protection programs. Mike is pragmatic and able to identify problems and offer up realistic policy solutions that benefit rural America.

For these reasons I believe Mike serves as a strong leading candidate to serve as a board member for the farm industry appointment to the FCIC. As you have recently witnessed on your trip to North Dakota, our agriculture sector is vibrant and has much to offer the nation – including qualified candidates like Mike. Thank you for your consideration of Mike for this important position.

Sincerely,



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